

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for harvesting a business solution,
comprising:
receiving a business solution;
5 creating a logical technology architecture used to
implement the business solution;
categorizing the business solution into a solution
type; and
mapping a plurality of standards used by the
10 business solution.
2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
adding a workable solution based on the business
solution; and
15 mapping a plurality of technology products used in
the workable solution.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the logical
technology architecture, the solution type, the plurality
20 of standards, the workable solution and the plurality of
technology products encompass a reference solution
architecture.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein creating a
25 logical architecture used to implement a reference
solution comprises generalizing a plurality of technology
products used to implement the business solution.
5. The method of Claim 1, wherein categorizing the
30 business solution into a type comprises categorizing the
business solution according to an industry in which the
business solution has been applied.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein categorizing the business solution into a type comprises categorizing the business solution according to a business domain in which
5 the business solution has been applied.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of standards used by the business solution comprise at least one of industry standards, industry application
10 framework, application architecture design principle, design patterns and application programming interface.

8. A system for harvesting a business solution, comprising:

a memory comprising a reference solution architect operable to:

- 5 receive a business solution;
- create a logical technology architecture used to implement the business solution;
- categorize the business solution into a solution type; and
- 10 map a plurality of standards used by the business solution.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein the reference solution architect is further operable to:

- 15 add a workable solution based on the business solution; and
- map a plurality of technology products used in the workable solution.

20 10. The system of Claim 9, further comprising a database operable to store the logical technology architecture, the solution type, the plurality of standards, the workable solution and the plurality of technology products as a reference solution architecture.

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11. The system of Claim 8, wherein a reference solution architect operable to create a logical architecture used to implement a reference solution comprises a reference solution architect operable to
30 generalize a plurality of technology products used to implement the business solution.

12. The system of Claim 8, wherein a reference
solution architect operable to categorize the business
solution into a type comprises a reference solution
architect operable to categorize the business solution
5 according to an industry in which the business solution
has been applied.

13. The system of Claim 8, wherein a reference
solution architect operable to categorize the business
10 solution into a type comprises a reference solution
architect operable to categorize the business solution
according to a business domain in which the business
solution has been applied.

15 14. The system of Claim 8, wherein the plurality of
standards used by the business solution comprise at least
one of industry standards, industry application
framework, application architecture design principle,
design patterns and application programming interface.

15. A reference solution architecture based on a model, comprising:

a solution purpose for a business solution;

5 a logical technology architecture comprising a plurality of logical technology components for implementing the business solution; and

a plurality of standards associated with the logical technology components for implementing the business solution.

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16. The architecture of Claim 15, further comprising:

a workable solution based on the business solution; and

15 a plurality of technology products used in the workable solution, the plurality of technology products associated with the logical technology components.

20 17. The architecture of Claim 15, wherein the plurality of standards comprise at least one of industry standards, industry application framework, application architecture design principle, design patterns and application programming interface.

18. A method for creating a business solution from
a reference solution architecture model;

receiving a solution purpose; and

selecting a reference solution architecture for the
5 solution purpose, the reference solution architecture
comprising:

a logical technology architecture comprising a
plurality of logical technology components for the
solution purpose;

10 a plurality of standards to be used with the
logical technology architecture; and

a plurality of technology products for the
logical technology components.

15 19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the plurality
of standards comprise at least one of industry standards,
industry application framework, application architecture
design principle, design patterns and application
programming interface.